GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5135
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DECLINE IN EXPORT OF MARINE PRODUCTS OF USA
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

to the reply given on November 23, 2001 to Unstarred Question No. 1101 regarding Export of Marine Products to USA and state:

(a) whether there has been a sharp decline in the overall export of marine products to USA during 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase the export of marine products to USA and other countries during the 2002-2003;

(d) if so, the projection made thereon; and

(e) the efforts being made to achieve the target?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) & (e) Making projections on exports is a continuous exercise based on the prevailing and anticipated market condition. The present projections for export of marine products during 2002-03 are to the tune of US $ 1250 million. With a view to realise the same, the Government have taken several steps, which include schemes for extending financial assistance to the seafood processing industry; steps to upgrade processing facilities to meet international standards of hygiene and quality; expansion of aquaculture; imparting training to aquaculture farmers to adopt sound management practices to prevent outbreak of diseases; assistance to produce value-added products for export; participation by Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) in international fairs, conducting overseas market surveys; etc.